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"Nuclear Power and the Energy Policy Act of 2005"

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 was signed into law this past August by President Bush. The legislation marks a significant shift in government policy in favor of the nuclear industry. This discussion will focus on the elements in the legislation that will affect the nuclear industry along with the political maneuvering that ultimately ended with the first Energy Bill passed in 13 years.

Donn Salvosa currently serves as Director of Legislative Programs for the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) in Washington, DC. NEI is the industry's policy organization with over 250 corporate members in 14 nations. NEI and its predecessor organizations have served the nuclear industry since 1953. It remains at the forefront of the policy arena representing the views of the industry before the Administration, the U.S. Congress and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mr. Salvosa focuses on advocating policy before the U.S. Congress on several issues including used fuel management, Yucca Mountain issues, environment, and nuclear plant security.

Prior to joining NEI, Mr. Salvosa served five years as Manager of Government and International Business Affairs at the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA). EPSA is the national trade association representing competitive power suppliers, including generators and marketers. While at EPSA, Mr. Salvosa represented the industry's views before the U.S. Congress while also managing the Committee on International Business Affairs.

From 1994-1999, Mr. Salvosa served in the U.S. Congress, first as a staff aide to Congressman Cliff Stearns (R-FL) and then as a staff aide at the House Energy and Commerce Committee under Chairman Tom Bliley (R-VA). While serving on the Committee, Mr. Salvosa focused primarily on issues before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power chaired by former Congressman Dan Schaefer (R-CO) and current Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX). During his time, the Subcommittee considered a number of issues including electricity deregulation, nuclear issues, oil and gas and hydropower.

In 2001, Mr. Salvosa earned an MBA in Marketing, Management and International Business from the American University, Kogod School of Business. Mr. Salvosa graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

[See the presentation by Megan Thomas, Daniel Pak and Paul Rodi, the three students sponsored by VA-ANS to attend the 2005 UM-Rolla Nuclear Engineering Summer Camp](#)